accused officer and allowing cross-examination are integral part of such inquiries. Further, the victims are informed about the outcome of the inquiry and, if requested, the copies of the findings are also provided to them.

Suitability of tracks for super-fast trains

431. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that existing tracks are not suitable for super-fast trains;

(b) if so, whether steps are being considered so that the permitted speed limit of all super-fast trains including Rajdhanies are not required to cut down speed; and

(c) if so, the details thereof keeping in mind the risk and safe travel of passengers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir. However, the permitted speed depends on route classification, rolling stock, signaling and interlocking system, track structure etc.

(b) The sections are kept free from speed restriction unless it is required for maintenance, renewals or some urgent unforeseen circumstances to ensure safety of traffic.

(c) Regular track renewal works are planned, sanctioned and executed to replace the same on age-cum-condition basis and subject to availability of funds.

Railway Projects from Tamil Nadu

432. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of railway projects received from Tamil Nadu during each of the last 3 years;

(b) the action taken by Government thereon;